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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ALAN RAY MERRELL et al.) Art Unit: *Unknown*
Application No. *Unassigned*)
Filed: 25 January 2001 (Herewith)) Examiner: *Unassigned*
Title: **Architecture For Access to Embedded**)
Files Using a SAN Intermediate Device)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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